

**Human Services Council Meeting**  
**Monday, December 10, 2007**  
**Government Center, Conference Rooms 2 & 3**

<b>MEMBER NAME</b>		<b>MEMBER NAME</b>	
<b>Kevin H. Bell, Chairman</b>	Present	<b>Carol Ann Hawn</b>	Present
<b>Colonel Marion Barnwell</b>	Excused	<b>Bill Kogler</b>	Present
<b>Richard P. Berger</b>	Present	<b>Michael Kwon</b>	Excused
<b>John Byers</b>	Excused	<b>Herk Latimer</b>	Excused
<b>Robert L. Faherty</b>	Present	<b>Laura I. McDowall</b>	Present
<b>Donna J. Fleming</b>	Excused	<b>Stephanie Mensh</b>	Present
<b>Baba Freeman</b>	Present	<b>John Niemiec</b>	Present
<b>Robert Gaudian</b>	Present	<b>Dr. Virginia P. Norton</b>	Excused
<b>Richard Gonzalez</b>	Present	<b>J. Jay Volkert</b>	Excused
<b>Tom Grodek</b>	Present	<b>Henry Wulf</b>	Present

<b>Staff:</b>	
<b>Verdia L. Haywood, Deputy County Executive</b>	Present
<b>Ken Disselkoen, Department of Systems Management for Human Services</b>	Present
<b>Chip Gertzog, Department of Systems Management for Human Services</b>	Present
<b>Ken Garnes, Department of Administration for Human Services</b>	Present
<b>Ron McDevitt, Department of Administration for Human Services</b>	Present
<b>Michelle Gregory, Department of Systems Management for Human Services</b>	Present

**Other Attendees:** Margo Kiely, John Defee, Caroline Valentine, Bill Macmillan, Juanita Wilder, Karen Fuentes

**Call to order 7:30 - 7:45 PM**

Kevin Bell called the meeting was called to order at 7:45PM.

Kevin introduced Carol Hawn as the newly appointed member to the Human Services Council representing the Sully district. Ms. Hawn acknowledged her long history of volunteerism in Fairfax County and her work with various boards councils and organizations including, the CAAB Board, Community Council on Homelessness, and the League of Women Voters.

In recognition of the recent Virginia elections, Kevin Bell also highlighted the election of George Baker to the State Senate. Senator George Baker was a former member of the HSC.

Deputy County Executive, Verdia Haywood, updated the Council on the financial aspect of the Fairfax County Government. He stated that the situation is getting worse. The County Executive has directed agencies to implement an additional 2% reduction in their current personal service budgets effective January 1, 2008.

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Mr. Haywood also reported on a State initiative to strengthen the foster care system in Virginia. Virginia is ranked last in the nation as it relates to the number of children aging out of foster care. Mr. Haywood is participating on the Council on Reform to study this issue over the next nine months. The HSC will be updated on the progress and outcome of this Council.

**Update on Josiah H. Beeman Commission on the Fairfax-Falls Church Mental Health Service Delivery System**

Margo Kiely provided the update on the Josiah H. Beeman Commission. Ms. Kiely shared a power point presentation with the HSC which defined the structure of the Commission and the philosophical principles that guide the process. Ms. Kiely also discussed the stakeholder input process that involves surveying consumers, family members and significant others, and service providers. The Commission's final report and recommendations should be available by fall 2008.

Margo reported a significant disparity in the life expectancy of persons with serious mental illness as compared to the general population. Henry Wulf acknowledged that diseases like diabetes and hypertension is what drives these numbers.

Stephanie Mensh asked about the impact of unemployment and how improvements could be made regardless. Margo discussed the importance of case management which must support the clinical work. This case management function helps to assist with issues such as social isolation, employment and housing.

Henry Wulf asked about the population incidents of person afflicted with mental illnesses and the degree of illness severity. Director of Mental Health Services for the Community Services Board, John Defee, clarified that mental illness for those persons in the mental health system are generally referenced in terms of serious or severe. He noted that there are roughly 10,000 people in the mental health system in a year's cycle, yet the number of people effected is much greater. Statistics on any one area may vary depending on when the reporting is done. We may never have resources to serve everyone, but we can work to serve more.

Laura McDowall asked about the stakeholder input process and whether surveys were going directly to consumers and providers? Margo noted that the goal is to conduct a process that more closely resembles a census rather than a sample. They are working with CSB staff, major vendors, contractors and associations to reach a broad range of stakeholders. The survey is available through the public library system and is also available on the web.

Verdia stated that this is a tough project and a key component to support consumers is ensuring that the right links are made is the system to access the services that are needed.

**Draft Implementation Plan to End Homelessness in the Fairfax Fall Church Community**

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Deputy County Executive, Verdia Haywood reported on the plan to end homelessness. He reviewed their progress of the past year highlight the fact that the BOS endorsed the plan in February 2007 and that an implementation plan has been drafted. The focus is now on the community and ensuring they understand all that happening and are invested in the issues and the strategies. The major theme is housing first, which involves a focus on securing stable housing and then ensuring that the necessary wrap around services are accessible.

Mr. Haywood acknowledged the Freddie Mac Foundation and their \$100,000 contribution to support the implementation plan and discussed the fact that more resources are needed to fully implement the plan.

### **Board of Supervisors Draft Legislative Program**

Verdia Haywood reviewed the Issue Paper entitled Critical Needs in Human Services highlighting the priorities in child care, mental health and the Comprehensive Services Act (CSA).

Laura McDowall asked whether access to primary care is considered a critical issue. Mr. Haywood said that with the assistance of Medicaid, CHIP, primary care centers, INOVA, as well as the health care safety net, we are in reasonably good shape as it relates to this issue. We have health access teams doing eligibility determinations and follow up to ensure people are connected.

### **Other Business**

Minutes from the October 15, 2007 meeting were approved.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:50PM

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